reported by various State Governments during the year 2009 (Upto 31.10.2009) is as given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the State Govt.	During 2009 (Upto 31.10.2009)
1.	Gujarat	18
2.	Tamil Nadu	104
3.	Orissa	02
4.	Maharashtra	02
	TOTAL	126

The action taken by the State Governments under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 against unscrupulous traders in respect of essential commodities during the year 2009 (upto 31.10.2009) as reported by them is as under:

Year	No. of raids	No. of Persons arrested	No. of Persons prosecuted	No. of Persons convicted	Value of goods confiscated (Rs. in Lakhs)
2009	111367	5516	2982	42	2634.66

Strengthening of Forward Market Commission

1733. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is thinking of strengthening Forward Market Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the turnover of commodities exchanges of various farm items through commodities exchanges in the last two years, item-wise;

(d) the revenue Government got through trading of various farm items in the last two years through commodity exchanges;

(e) the commodity transaction tax imposed on various items traded through commodities exchanges, item-wise;